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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

The Examiner is thanked for the telephone interview of February 12, 2003.

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During the telephone interview it was agreed that claims 4, 17, and 18 were allowable and that claims 5 and 6 would be allowable if claim 5 were corrected to read "The method of Claim 4". The suggested changes have been made to claim 5.

It is therefore, respectfully, requested that claims 4, 5, 6, 17, 18, as they now stand, be allowed. Furthermore, Claim 15, which was rejected for lack of antecedent basis for the p+ emitter, has been amended to provide the requested antecedent basis for the p+ emitter as well as for the n+ emitter referred to in Claim 16. Thus claims 15 and 16 should now also be in a state for allowance and allowance of claims 15 and 16 is therefore also respectfully requested.

The remaining claims 1-3, 7-9, 11-14 were also discussed to ascertain the changes that would be necessary to avoid the indefiniteness rejection. One proposal that was made, was to include the structural limitations of a GGNMOS or conventional LVTSCR, insofar as the claim used either of these structures as a reference point. Insofar as the examiner would consider including the changes to the claims and allowing the claims, the corresponding amendments have been included herein. If these are considered adequate to place the claims in a position for allowance, it is respectfully requested that these claims also be allowed.

Claim 10 has been cancelled.